

CITY OF GARDNER MASSACHUSETTS 01440

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The advertisement for public hearing as described above, would provide as follows:

Pursuant to G.L. c. 128A, § 13A, the City of Gardner City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING **at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, July 23, 2024**, at Gardner City Hall, in the City Council Chambers, Room 219, 95 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA 01440, with Perry Auditorium at Gardner City Hall available as an overflow room should the City Council Chamber reach capacity, to hear the matter of Bay State Racing LLC's application for horse racing operation at 827 Green Street and specifically the following Vote: "Shall a track of land located within the limits of the City of Gardner, now owned by the GAAMHA, Inc., located at 827 Green Street, comprising approximately 114 acres also identified as assessors lot number R42- 21-1 and more particularly described in Worcester Registry of Deeds Book 63792 and Page 211 and situated on the easterly side of Route 140, otherwise called Green Street, be approved as the location of a running horse racing track where race meetings laid out and conducted by licensees under M.G.L c. 128A will be held or conducted."

Anyone wishing to be heard may sign up beginning at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, through the conclusion of the Public Hearing at the place designated above, and also refer to the Gardner City Council Public Hearing Rules & Procedures listed below (Adopted 3/18/2013).

Interested persons may attend the hearing and give oral comments, or they may submit written comments until 4:30 PM on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, by mailing or e-mailing Elizabeth Doiron, Assistant City Clerk, 95 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA 01440, edoiron@gardner-ma.gov.

A copy of the submitted application is available for public review at the City Clerk's Office, Room 121, during the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on Fridays, or electronically at: www.gardner-ma.gov.

An Informal Meeting of the Gardner City Council will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM at Gardner City Hall, in the City Council Chambers Room 219, 95 Pleasant St, Gardner, MA 01440 for a presentation from Bay State Racing LLC on their application as described above, with Perry Auditorium at Gardner City Hall available as an overflow room should the

City Council Chamber reach capacity. The Informal Meeting notice and packet is posted outside of the City Clerk's Office and electronically at: www.gardner-ma.gov.

GARDNER CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING RULES & PROCEDURES Adopted 3/18/2013

- 1) The City Council President will call the Public Hearing to order and read aloud the Public Hearing Notice.
- 2) The City Council President will call upon the Petitioner to summarize the proposal.
- 3) The City Council President will then ask for anyone wishing to testify to please raise their hand, be recognized, then state their name and address for the record.
- 4) Comments from any one speaker are limited to 3 minutes.
- 5) Testimony must be on the merits of the pending question; otherwise, the testimony will be ruled out of order.
- 6) The Petitioner shall be granted the opportunity to reply to questions and comments, if desired.
- 7) Modifications to the proposal must be submitted in writing.
- 8) Attendees desiring a second opportunity to present "new" testimony will be given an opportunity if, in the opinion of the Presiding Officer, time allows. Repetitive testimony will not be permitted.
- 9) The Petitioner(s) and persons offering testimony may submit written comments to the City Council President.
- 10) Upon completion of testimony, the City Council President shall close or continue the Public Hearing to a time/place certain by voice vote.

CITY COUNCIL OF GARDNER Elizabeth Doiron, Assistant City Clerk